

# Invocabit

## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

*The Sunday of the Temptation*



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OF THE ASCENSION

MAKING CHRIST KNOWN  
*Truth, Beauty, Goodness*

## ABOUT TODAY'S THEME – INVOCABIT

### ***Jesus Does Battle in Our Place***

*In the Garden, man exalts himself to be a god in place of God (Gen. 3:1–21). He succumbs to the temptation of the devil, and eating of the forbidden fruit, he receives death. But in the sin-cursed wilderness, God humbles Himself to become man in place of man (Mt. 4:1–11). He does not eat but fasts and bears the onslaughts of the devil for us that we may be restored to life. Jesus stands as David in our place to do battle against the Goliath, Satan (1 Samuel 17:40–51). Though outwardly Jesus appears weak, yet He comes in the name of the Lord of hosts. He draws from the five smooth stones of the books of Moses and slings the Word of God. The stone sinks into the forehead, and the enemy falls. In Christ we are victorious over the devil. Let us therefore not receive the grace of God in vain (2 Cor. 6:1–10), but seeing that we have a great High Priest, let us come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain help in time of need (Heb 4:14–16).*

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FEBRUARY 21, 2021 † SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.  
DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING THREE



PRELUDE

*When Adam Fell, the Human Race*

Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Please stand and face the processional cross.*

*Lutheran Service Book 521*

**“Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken”**



1 Christ, the Lord of hosts, un - shak - en By the dev - il's  
2 Mi - chael fought the heav'n - ly bat - tle, God - ly an - gels  
3 Long on earth the bat - tle ra - ges, Since the ser - pent's  
4 Je - sus came, this word ful - fill - ing, Tram - pled Sa - tan,



seeth - ing rage, Thwarts the plan of Sa - tan's min - ions;  
by his side; Warred a - gainst the an - cient ser - pent,  
first de - ceit; Twist - ed God's com - mand to Ad - am,  
death de - fied; Bore the brunt of our temp - ta - tion,



Wins the strife from age to age; Con - quers sin and  
Foiled the beast, so full of pride, Cast him earth - bound  
Made for - bid - den fruit look sweet. Then the curse of  
On the wretch - ed tree He died. Yet to life was



death for - ev - er; Slams them in their steel - y cage.  
with his an - gels; Now he prowls, un - sat - is - fied.  
God was spo - ken: “You'll lie crushed be - neath His feet!”  
raised vic - to - rious; By His life our life sup - plied.

**5 Swift as lightning falls the tyrant  
From his heav'nly perch on high,  
As the word of Jesus' vict'ry  
Floods the earth and fills the sky.  
Wounded by a wound eternal  
Now his judgment has drawn nigh!**

**6 Jesus, send Your angel legions  
When the foe would us enslave.  
Hold us fast when sin assaults us;  
Come, then, Lord, Your people save.  
Overthrow at last the dragon;  
Send him to his fiery grave.**

# SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

**P** Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

*Matthew 28:18b-19; Mark 16:16a; 1 Peter 3:21*

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

*The pastor addresses the candidate:*

**P** How are you named?

**R** Mark Anthony.

*The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of the candidate while saying:*

**P** Mark Anthony, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drown hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Mark according to Your boundless mercy and bless him with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in him, which has been inherited from Adam and which he himself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that he be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, he would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*The pastor places his hands on the head of the candidate, and the congregation joins in praying:*

**C** **Our Father who art in heaven,**  
    **hallowed be Thy name,**  
    **Thy kingdom come,**  
    **Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;**  
    **give us this day our daily bread;**  
    **and forgive us our trespasses**  
        **as we forgive those who trespass against us;**  
    **and lead us not into temptation,**  
    **but deliver us from evil.**  
**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory**  
    **forever and ever. Amen.**

**P** The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth  
and even ✠ forevermore.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sitting*

*The pastor addresses the candidate and asks the following questions:*

**P** Mark, do you renounce the devil?

**R** *Yes, I renounce him.*

**P** Do you renounce all his works?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you renounce all his ways?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

**R** *Yes, believe.*

**P** Mark, do you desire to be baptized?

**R** *Yes, I do.*

*The pastor pours water three times on the head of the candidate while saying:*

**P** Mark Anthony, I baptize you in the name of the ✠ Father and of the ✠ Son and of the ✠ Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*The pastor places anoints the head of the newly baptized with oil while saying:*

**P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.

**C** Amen.

*The pastor may light a baptismal candle from the paschal candle and give it to the newly baptized while saying:*

**P** Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

*The newly baptized may be welcomed with the following:*

**A** In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**C** Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

*Standing*

*While remaining at the font, the pastor prays the following:*

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Mark the new birth in Holy Baptism and made him a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as he has now become Your child, You would keep him in his baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure he may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Peace ✠ be with you.

**C** Amen.

*All return to their places.*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

*Psalm 91:1-2, 9-10, 13; antiphon: Psalm 91:15a, c, 16*



- L** When he calls to me, I will | answer him;\*  
I will rescue him and | honor him.  
With long life I will sat- | isfy him\*  
and show him my sal- | vation.
- L** He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High\*  
will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.
- C** I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my | fortress,\*  
my God, in | whom I trust.”
- L** Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—\*  
the Most High, who is my | refuge—
- C** no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,\*  
no plague come | near your tent.
- L** You will tread on the lion and the | adder;\*  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

- L** When he calls to me, I will | answer him;\*  
I will rescue him and | honor him.  
With long life I will sat- | isfy him\*  
and show him my sal- | vation.

“The life of sin is a fall from coherence into chaos.”  
St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274 A.D.)

# KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47

During Advent and Lent, the HYMN OF PRAISE is omitted.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sitting*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

## Genesis 3:1-21

**A** The Old Testament Reading for the First Sunday in Lent is from Genesis, chapter three.

**A** <sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" <sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup>For God knows that when you eat of it your

eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.



**A** <sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup> And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup> He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup> The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup> Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

<sup>14</sup> The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

<sup>16</sup> To the woman he said,

"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you."

<sup>17</sup> And to Adam he said,

"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; <sup>18</sup> thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.

<sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

<sup>20</sup> The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. <sup>21</sup> And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.





- L** He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High\*  
will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.
- C** He will cover you with his | pinions,\*  
And under his wings you will find | refuge.
- L** When he calls to me, I will | answer him;\*  
I will be with him in | trouble.
- C** With long life I will sat- | isfy him\*  
and show him my sal- | vation.

## HOLY GOSPEL

## Matthew 4:1-11

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.



**C** Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

- P** <sup>1</sup> Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup> But he answered, "It is written,

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

- <sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup> and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,"

and

"On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup> And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

**A** “You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.”

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## CATECHETICAL RECITATION

## The Fifth Commandment

**P** What is the Fifth Commandment?

**C** You shall not murder.

**P** What does this mean?

**C** We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

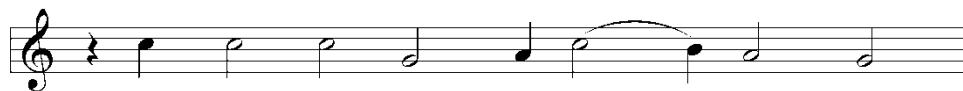
*Sitting*



# HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 656

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,  
 2 With might of ours can naught be done,  
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,  
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;  
 Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;  
 All ea - ger to de - vour us,  
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
 But for us fights the val - iant One,  
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;  
 He's by our side up - on the plain



That hath us now o'er - tak - en.  
 Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.  
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.  
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe Now means  
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus  
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce  
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might  
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,  
 as he will, He can harm us none.  
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,



Are his dread arms in fight; On earth  
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds  
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -  
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -



is not his e - qual.  
 the field for - ev - er.  
 tle word can fell him.  
 dom ours re - main - eth.

# SERMON

Standing

## OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10-12



■ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sitting

## OFFERING

MUSIC

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

Johannes Brahms

MEDITATION

*Matthew 4:4 – “But he answered, ‘It is written,’ ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”* What good are all the things of this world (food, drink, house, home, wealth, etc.) if we lose the things of God? What’s more important? How should our priorities be arranged?

“Come to your right mind, and sin no more.”  
1 Corinthians 15:34

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

**P** Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your heart, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

*Matthew 10:32-33 NKJV alt.*

**P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

**R** *Yes, I do.*

**P** Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?

**R** *Yes, I believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**P** Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from them and confessed in the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

**R** *I do.*

**P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you desire to become a member of this congregation?

**R** *I do.*

**P** Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers and the gifts God has given you?

**R** *I will, with the help of God.*

**P** Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation. Receive the Lord's Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*Standing*

**P** Let us pray.  
Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing this Your son Mark to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, enabling him both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that by Your Word and Spirit he may continue steadfast in the one true faith in the fellowship of this congregation as together we await the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**C** Amen.

*We give thanks to God for our new member:  
Mark Saldana*

## THE LITANY

*[1 Timothy 2:1-4]*

**P** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.

**P** O Christ,  
**C** have mercy.

**P** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.

**P** O Christ,  
**C** hear us.

**P** God the Father in heaven,  
**C** have mercy.

**P** God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
**C** have mercy.

**P** God the Holy Spirit,  
**C** have mercy.

**P** Be gracious to us.  
**C** Spare us, good Lord.

**P** Be gracious to us.  
**C** Help us, good Lord.



- P** From all sin, from all error, from all evil;  
 From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;  
 From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion;  
 From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:
- C** **Good Lord, deliver us.**
- P** By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;  
 By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross  
 and passion; by Your precious death and burial;  
 By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the  
 Comforter:
- C** **Help us, good Lord.**
- P** In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day  
 of judgment:
- C** **Help us, good Lord.**
- P** We poor sinners implore You  
**C** **to hear us, O Lord.**
- P** To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your  
 Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain  
 them in holy living;  
 To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have  
 erred and are deceived;  
 To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to  
 accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:
- C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- P** To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the  
 weakhearted and the distressed:
- C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- P** To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give  
 our country Your protection in every time of need;  
 To direct and defend our [*president/queen/king*] and all in authority; to bless and protect our  
 magistrates and all our people;  
 To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide  
 all who travel;  
 To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in  
 their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them;  
 To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; to  
 grant the needs of those in this congregation, especially. . . ; and to have mercy on us all:
- C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- P** To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and  
 preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:
- C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

- P** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
**C** we implore You to hear us.
- P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
**C** have mercy.
- P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
**C** have mercy.
- P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
**C** grant us Your peace.
- P** O Christ,  
**C** hear us.
- P** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.
- P** O Christ,  
**C** have mercy.
- P** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy. Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,  
 bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

“Lutheran pastor C.F.W. Walther identified the Lord’s Supper as the new tree of life now planted in God’s kingdom of grace. Walther wasn’t claiming that Paradise was fully restored in this fallen world. He was rejoicing in what Christ has won for us dying sinners on the tree of the cross. . . From that tree the risen Christ has again planted life-giving food on earth in His kingdom of grace.”  
 Kenneth W. Wieting  
*Lutheranism 101: The Lord’s Supper*

# LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:



**C** Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as



it is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly



bread; and for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give



those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in -



to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo -



ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

# THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

**P** Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,  
and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the  
dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  bod - y, which is giv-en for you.  
This do in re-mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so  
He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it  
to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in  
My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.  
This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

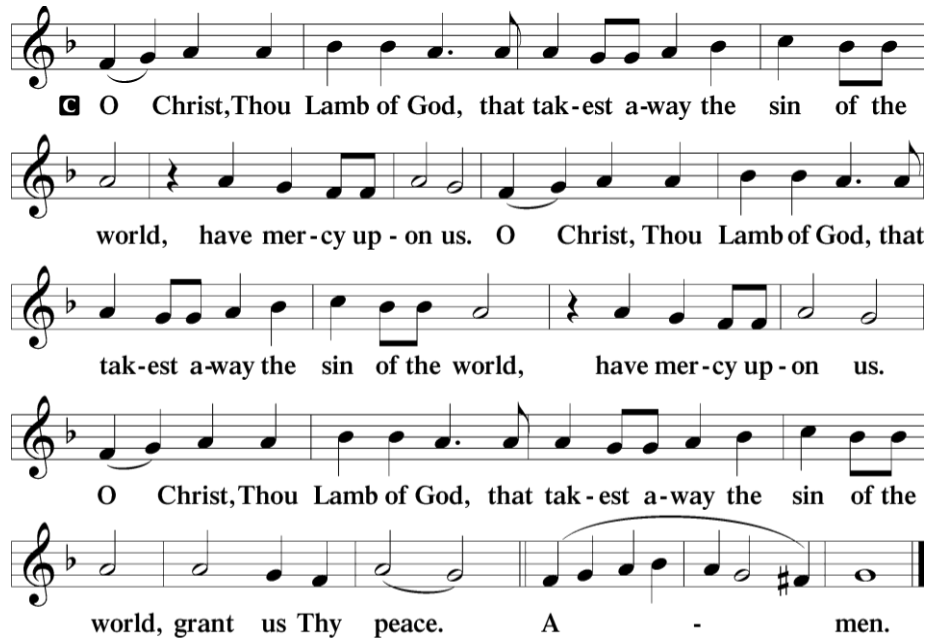
## PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.  
**C** A - men.

# AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sitting*

## *About participation in the Lord's Supper:*

*The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.*

*Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. [Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than Holy Communion are asked to cross their arms over their chest.]*

*For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.*

*(Above is the "Model Communion Card Statement" from *Theology and Practice of the Lord's Supper*, a 1983 report by the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.)*

"Whenever, then, the mixed cup and the bread that has been made receive the word of God, the Eucharist becomes the body of Christ, and by it the substance of our flesh is nourished and sustained."

St. Irenaeus of Lyons (130 – 202 A.D.)  
*Against Heresies* V.ii.3

# MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Lutheran Service Book 594

“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”



1 God’s own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap - tized  
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap - tized  
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap - tized  
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness: I am bap - tized  
 5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing To this life - long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,  
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:  
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,  
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness  
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth’s  
 Je - sus’ cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y  
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the  
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in  
 E - ven there I’ll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



treas - ures man - y? I have one worth  
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism  
 font I’ve trav - eled, All your might has  
 dust and ash - es Faith’s as - sur - ance  
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -  
 did re - lease me In a dear for -  
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your  
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the  
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus’ blood?  
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!  
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.  
 in - to Christ; I’m a child of par - a - dise!

# NUNC DIMITTIS ~ *Song of Simeon*

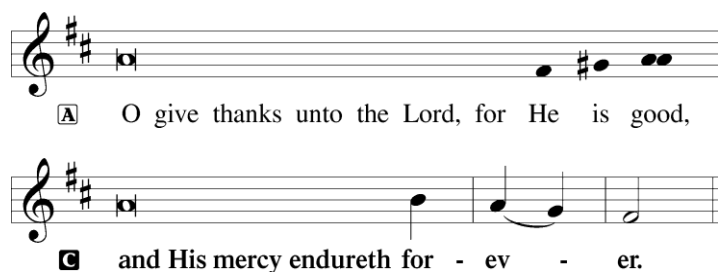
Luke 2:29-32



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

# THANKSGIVING

Psalm 107:1



O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.



## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- P** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

*2 Timothy 4:22, Psalm 103:1*



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



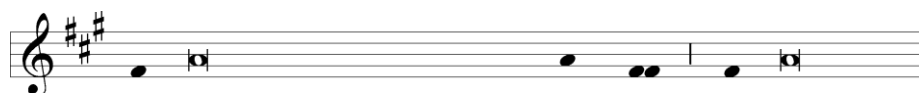
**A** Bless we the Lord.



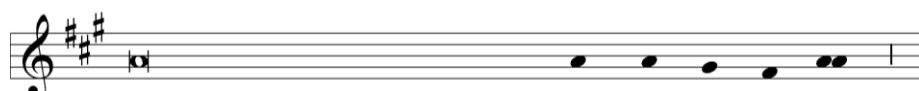
**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

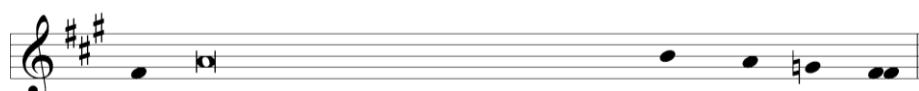
*Numbers 6:24-26*



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

# RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 418

“O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days”



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You  
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your  
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And  
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And



prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance  
faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your  
fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -  
all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal



for our sin, And free us from our past.  
skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.  
ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.  
Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

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# POSTLUDE

Sonata 3 (Maestoso)

Felix Mendelssohn

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## SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

### **Presiding Minister**

The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

### **Altar Assistant(s)**

J.P. Morr, *Head Elder*

Penny Durden, *Acolyte*

### **Organist**

Debbie Dickensheets, *Director of Music*

### **Altar Guild**

Jill Drachenberg/Caitlin East

### **Usher(s)**

Richard Drachenberg/Greg Ison

## SERVING NEXT WEEK

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### **Altar Guild**

Jeni Miller/Linda Rathje

### **Usher(s)**

Brian Beckman/Grayson Beckman

### **Fellowship Host(s)**

The Schoellen family

# Making Christ Known

CALENDAR		
Sunday 2/21	<b>First Sunday in Lent</b> Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>Paul's Epistle to the Romans</i> Divine Service with Holy Communion Fellowship Hour Church Board Meeting	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM Following worship Following fellowship
Monday 2/22	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Tuesday 2/23	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 2/24	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms LCDC Chapel	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:00 AM
Thursday 2/25	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 2/26	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 2/27	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Women's Group Bible Study	Closed Closed 10:30 AM
Sunday 2/28	<b>Second Sunday in Lent</b> Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>Paul's Epistle to the Romans</i> Divine Service with Holy Communion Fellowship Hour	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM Following worship

# Truth ~ GROWING IN HIS WORD

## ✦ **Adult Bible Study: *Paul's Epistle to the Romans***

Theme: Law and Gospel. Judgment and grace. Freedom and bondage. These are just a few of the powerful themes St. Paul mentions in his letter to the Christians at Rome. Masterfully, he uses such images to paint a vivid portrait of salvation in Christ Jesus. Come, uncover the beautiful picture of what life now looks like on account of your Savior.

Day & Time: Sundays at 9:00 A.M.

Location: Church fellowship hall

## ✦ **Women's Group Bible Study: *Praise and Honor: Hymn-Inspired Devotions***

Theme: Come, delve into the great hymns of our church as they're informed by God's Word! The Ascension Women's Group is taking on a new hymn each month using the book *Praise and Honor: Hymn-Inspired Devotions* by Timothy Shoup. It's available for purchase on Amazon for \$13 or through Concordia Publishing House for \$18, and the book "features introductions to 14 hymns with devotions based on each stanza, helping readers learn the biblical basis of the words the authors chose."

If you've never joined this group for a book study before, now is a great time – since the ladies will be studying a different hymn each month, you're free to come when you can and not stress if you can't commit to every meeting. Childcare is provided!

Day & Time: Saturday, February 27 at 10:30AM (Chapter 7)

Location: The Miller Home (address in directory)

# *Beauty* ~ WORSHIPING OUR GOD

## ✦ **Additional Divine Service**

Theme: For those who would desire a smaller worship setting with a mask requirement, a Divine Service with Holy Communion will be offered once a month.

Day & Time: The first Sunday of every month at noon

Location: Church sanctuary

## ✦ **Holy Week Schedule**

**Mauudy Thursday:** April 1 at noon/7:00 P.M.

**Good Friday:** April 2 at noon/7:00 P.M.

**Easter Vigil:** April 3 at 7:00 P.M.

# *Goodness* ~ SERVING IN HIS NAME

## ✦ **1-1-1 Mission Campaign**

Theme: 1-1-1 is a campaign of the English District to raise \$1/per person/per week. That means that by giving \$4 each month, just \$52 a year, everyone can give toward the district's mission efforts. Just think what could happen if every person in the English District did this! Right now, those missions are focusing on district ministries on college campuses. Please consider playing a part in this special mission! Dollars may be contributed in the designated 1-1-1 Mission box located in the narthex.

# LIFTING UP ONE ANOTHER IN PRAYER

## **Birthdays**

✝ Eileen Buehl, 2/27

## **Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries)**

✝ None this week

## **Wedding Anniversaries**

✝ None this week

## **Membership Anniversaries**

✝ Caitlin East, 2/25

## **In Need**

### **Recent Requests**

*For persecuted Christians:*

✝ Mozambique

*For comfort, health, and healing:*

- ✝ Edith Bohannon (mother of Caitlin East's friend)
- ✝ Mary Greene (neighbor of Ruth Henry)
- ✝ Fred Grenier (grandfather of Josh Mech)
- ✝ Angel Hartford (nephew of Joan Bentley)
- ✝ Brandon Irwin (friend of Lauren Morr)
- ✝ The unborn child of Lauren and J.P. Morr
- ✝ Mark Saldana, who was baptized and received into membership today
- ✝ Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith)
- ✝ The unborn child of Luke Voss (former neighbor of the Schoellens)
- ✝ All impacted by COVID-19

### **Ongoing Requests**

*For family and friends of the congregation:*

- ✝ Terrie Dowling (aunt of Caitlin East)
- ✝ Hannibal (Hank) Durden
- ✝ Rev. David Heller (Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Athens, GA)
- ✝ Adi Murphy (former neighbor of the Beckmans)
- ✝ Jimmy Murray (friend of Adrian Popescu)

*For the leaders of Church and state:*

- ✝ Director Barbara Collins & Open Arms Board
- ✝ English District Bishop Jamison Hardy & all district officials
- ✝ LCMS President Matthew Harrison & all synodical officials
- ✝ Pastor David Miller & Church Board of Lutheran Church of the Ascension
- ✝ Rev. Dr. Jonathan & Dcs. Cheryl Naumann, missionaries to Dominican Republic
- ✝ President Joseph Biden & all U.S. government officials



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